

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 177

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas communities across the country face localized increases in violence and other crime;

Whereas local law enforcement-community partnerships are an effective tool for crime prevention and addressing the fear of crime;

Whereas the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) are

leading national resources providing community safety and crime prevention tools tested and valued by local law enforcement agencies and communities nationwide;

Whereas the NSA and the NCPC have joined together to create the “Celebrate Safe Communities” (CSC) initiative in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice;

Whereas in its premiere year, 153 communities in over 32 States and the District of Columbia participated in “Celebrate Safe Communities”;

Whereas “Celebrate Safe Communities” will take place the first week of October 2009 to help kickoff recognition of October as “Crime Prevention Month”;

Whereas “Crime Prevention Month” was established 25 years ago to encourage public education on being alert to criminal activity within their communities;

Whereas “Celebrate Safe Communities” is designated to help local communities highlight the importance of law enforcement-community partnerships to keep communities safe places to live, learn, work, and play;

Whereas “Celebrate Safe Communities” will enhance the public awareness of vital crime prevention and safety messages and motivate people in the United States of all ages to learn what they can do to stay safe from crime;

Whereas “Celebrate Safe Communities” will help promote year-round support for locally based and law enforcement-led community safety initiatives that help keep families, neighborhoods, schools, and businesses from crime;

Whereas the week of October 1, 2009, through October 3, 2009, would be an appropriate week to designate as “Celebrate Safe Communities” Week; and

Whereas the month of October is designated as “Crime Prevention Month”: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
 2        *concurring), That Congress—*

3            (1) supports the designation of “Celebrate Safe  
 4        Communities” Week;

5            (2) supports “Crime Prevention Month”;

6            (3) commends the efforts of the thousands of  
 7        local law enforcement agencies and their countless  
 8        community partners educating and engaging resi-  
 9        dents of all ages in the fight against crime;

10          (4) asks communities across the country to con-  
 11        sider how “Celebrate Safe Communities” can help  
 12        them highlight local successes in the fight against  
 13        crime;

14          (5) encourages the National Sheriffs’ Associa-  
 15        tion and the National Crime Prevention Council to  
 16        continue to promote through “Celebrate Safe Com-  
 17        munities” and year-round, individual and collective  
 18        action, in collaboration with law enforcement and  
 19        other supporting local agencies, to reduce crime and  
 20        build safer communities throughout the United  
 21        States; and

22          (6) encourages government agencies, civic  
 23        groups, schools, businesses, and youth organizations  
 24        to educate the public, showcase their accomplish-

- 1 ments, and explore new partnerships during “Crime
- 2 Prevention Month”.

Passed the House of Representatives October 28,  
2009.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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Raising the awareness of the need for crime prevention in communities across the country and expressing support for designation of October 1, 2009, through October 3, 2009, as “Celebrate Safe Communities” Week, and October as “Crime Prevention Month”.